

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Paul GILSON et al.

Application No.: 09/838,545

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For: AN EMBOLIC PROTECTION
SYSTEM

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SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

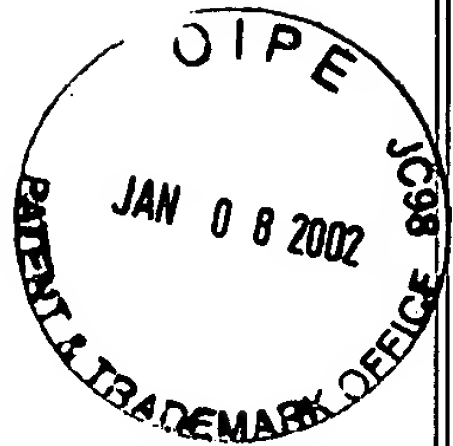
Prior to examination, please further amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 35, 48, 60 and 67 without prejudice or disclaimer, and replace claims 3, 5, 6, 9, 10, 13, 14, 18-22, 24, 26-28, 30, 33, 34, 38-43, 45, 51-56, 58, 63, 64 and 66 with the following:

3. (Amended) An embolic protection system as claimed in claim 1 wherein the tubular guidewire path is defined by a tubular sleeve.

5. (Amended) An embolic protection system as claimed in claim 1 wherein the guidewire path is a tubular guidewire path.



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